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- 25X1 1. Artillery firing practice was held at the Forst Zinna training grounds between 14 and 17 January. Numerous trucks, repair-shop trucks and field kitchens with numbers of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade were observed at the training area. On 18 January, about 150 trucks, 20 small tents and many foxholes and shelters were observed there. On 17 and 18 January, 16 x 76.2 mm field guns, 10 x 85 mm AT guns, 8 heavy guns, 8 caterpillar tractors, about 800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and 92 trucks [] of the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade were entrained at Forst Zinna railroad station.
- 25X1 2. The following troop shipments were determined from official railroad records:
- | 25X1 | Date | | From | To |
|------|------------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 20 January | [] | Dallgow-Doeberitz | Jueterbog |
| | 22 January | | Dallgow-Doeberitz | Jueterbog |
| | | | Jueterbog | Dallgow-Doeberitz |
| | 24 January | | Jueterbog | Dallgow-Doeberitz |
- 25X1 [] Comment: The information indicates that the 2nd Light Artillery Brigade was transferred to Jueterbog for firing practices in two groups. The first group left on 14 and 15 January in 3 shipments and returned in 3 shipments on 17 and 18 January. The second group left in 3 shipments on 20 and 21 January and probably returned in 3 shipments on 22 and 24 January. The troops were bivouacked in snow pits and tents. The exercises probably lasted two days.

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